



**93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
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**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

110 ILCS 805/3-27.1	from Ch. 122, par. 103-27.1
110 ILCS 805/7-23.1	from Ch. 122, par. 107-23.1

Amends the Public Community College Act. Increases the dollar amounts of the thresholds under which certain contracts may be awarded without competitive bidding.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Public Community College Act is amended by  
5 changing Sections 3-27.1 and 7-23.1 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 805/3-27.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 103-27.1)

7 Sec. 3-27.1. Contracts. To award all contracts for purchase  
8 of supplies, materials or work involving an expenditure in  
9 excess of \$15,000 ~~\$10,000~~ to the lowest responsible bidder  
10 considering conformity with specifications, terms of delivery,  
11 quality, and serviceability; after due advertisement, except  
12 the following: (a) contracts for the services of individuals  
13 possessing a high degree of professional skill where the  
14 ability or fitness of the individual plays an important part;  
15 (b) contracts for the printing of finance committee reports and  
16 departmental reports; (c) contracts for the printing or  
17 engraving of bonds, tax warrants and other evidences of  
18 indebtedness; (d) contracts for materials and work which have  
19 been awarded to the lowest responsible bidder after due  
20 advertisement, but due to unforeseen revisions, not the fault  
21 of the contractor for materials and work, must be revised  
22 causing expenditures not in excess of 10% of the contract  
23 price; (e) contracts for the maintenance or servicing of, or  
24 provision of repair parts for, equipment which are made with  
25 the manufacturer or authorized service agent of that equipment  
26 where the provision of parts, maintenance, or servicing can  
27 best be performed by the manufacturer or authorized service  
28 agent; (f) purchases and contracts for the use, purchase,  
29 delivery, movement, or installation of data processing  
30 equipment, software, or services and telecommunications and  
31 inter-connect equipment, software, and services; (g) contracts  
32 for duplicating machines and supplies; (h) contracts for the

1 purchase of natural gas when the cost is less than that offered  
2 by a public utility; (i) purchases of equipment previously  
3 owned by some entity other than the district itself; (j)  
4 contracts for repair, maintenance, remodeling, renovation, or  
5 construction, or a single project involving an expenditure not  
6 to exceed \$25,000 ~~\$15,000~~ and not involving a change or  
7 increase in the size, type, or extent of an existing facility;  
8 (k) contracts for goods or services procured from another  
9 governmental agency; (l) contracts for goods or services which  
10 are economically procurable from only one source, such as for  
11 the purchase of magazines, books, periodicals, pamphlets and  
12 reports, and for utility services such as water, light, heat,  
13 telephone or telegraph; and (m) where funds are expended in an  
14 emergency and such emergency expenditure is approved by 3/4 of  
15 the members of the board.

16 All competitive bids for contracts involving an  
17 expenditure in excess of \$15,000 ~~\$10,000~~ must be sealed by the  
18 bidder and must be opened by a member or employee of the board  
19 at a public bid opening at which the contents of the bids must  
20 be announced. Each bidder must receive at least 3 days' notice  
21 of the time and place of such bid opening. For purposes of this  
22 Section due advertisement includes, but is not limited to, at  
23 least one public notice at least 10 days before the bid date in  
24 a newspaper published in the district, or if no newspaper is  
25 published in the district, in a newspaper of general  
26 circulation in the area of the district.

27 The provisions of this Section do not apply to guaranteed  
28 energy savings contracts entered into under Article V-A.

29 (Source: P.A. 87-1023; 88-173.)

30 (110 ILCS 805/7-23.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 107-23.1)

31 Sec. 7-23.1. Contracts. The board shall let all contracts  
32 (other than those excepted by Section 3-27.1 of this Act) for  
33 supplies, materials or work involving an expenditure in excess  
34 of \$15,000 ~~\$10,000~~ by competitive bidding as provided in  
35 Section 3-27.1 of this Act.

1 (Source: P.A. 92-648, eff. 7-11-02.)